

CERTIFICATE

WE certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (61)18 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 628.

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COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES
FOR *CLATHURELLA* CARPENTER, 1857. Z.N.(S.) 518

(see volume 18, pages 270-272)

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I wish to support the petition by Dr. Joshua L. Baily, Jr. for the designation of the type-species of *Clathurella* Carpenter, 1857, as *Clavatula rava* Hinds, 1843. This seems to me to be in the interests of stability and in harmony with current usage.

However, the last two entries in the roster of names for which action is asked seem to me to be out of place; namely, paragraphs (4)(h) and (4)(c) under paragraph 10 of the petition. As Dr. Baily has assured me that it was not his intention when submitting the petition to include these matters, I would protest against them on two grounds: first, in the matter of *Pelagia*, it is not appropriate to include matters not directly within the scope of the petition itself; these homonyms occur in other phyla than the one under discussion and, besides, the law of homonymy already disposes of them without the machinery of official action needing to be invoked. Second, in the matter of *Philbertia*, the type-species of which is not discussed in the petition, an actual error of fact is involved in stating that it is a junior objective synonym; as a junior subjective synonym, it may later prove to be of use and should not summarily be suppressed.

Therefore, I would qualify my support of the petition only as to the points covered in parts (1) through (3) and (4)(a) in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 18, pt. 4, pp. 270-272.